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downloading the uploaded document from the server storage means into a receiver computer storage means upon the issuance by the receiver computer of a download command signal to the server.

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12. (Amended) A system for interchanging documents between a sender computer associated with a sending party, a server, and a receiver computer associated with a receiving party, comprising:

selecting means for selecting the receiving party as an intended recipient of a document, wherein the receiving party has an identifier associated therewith;

adding means for adding a security designation to the identifier;

sender computer storage means for storing one of the documents;

server storage means;

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first uploading means for uploading the document stored in the sender computer storage means into the server storage means as an uploaded document, wherein the uploaded document is uploaded to the server storage means based upon the security designation;

notification message issuing means for issuing a notification message from the server to the intended recipient, the notification message indicating that the uploaded document is available in the server storage means; and

downloading means for downloading the document from the server storage means into a receiver computer storage means upon the issuance by the receiver computer of a download command signal to the server.

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12. (New) A system for interchanging documents between a sender computer which is associated with a sending party and which includes a sender computer storage means, a server which includes a server storage means, and a receiver computer which is associated with a receiving party and which includes a receiver computer storage means, comprising:

selecting means for selecting the receiving party as an intended recipient of a document, wherein the receiving party has an identifier associated therewith;

adding means for adding a security designation to the identifier;

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first uploading means for uploading one of the documents stored in the sender computer storage means into the server storage means as an uploaded document, wherein the uploaded document is uploaded to the server storage means based upon the security designation;

notification message issuing means for issuing a notification message from the server to the intended recipient, the notification message indicating that the uploaded document is available in the server storage means; and

downloading means for downloading the uploaded document from the server storage means into the receiver computer storage means upon the issuance by the receiver computer of a download command signal to the server.

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~~13~~ (New) The method of claim <sup>17</sup>~~13~~, wherein the documents are interchanged between the sender computer and one or more of a plurality of receiver computers, each associated with a respective receiving party; wherein the step of selecting the receiving party as an intended recipient of a document further comprises selecting one or more of the receiving parties as intended recipients of a document; wherein the step of adding a security designation to the identifier further comprises adding a security designation to each identifier associated with each of the intended recipients; wherein the step of issuing a notification message further comprises issuing a notification message from the server to the intended recipients; wherein the step of downloading the document from the server storage means into the receiver computer storage means further comprises downloading the document from the server storage means into respective ones of a plurality of receiver computer storage means associated with each of the intended recipients.

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~~14~~ (New) The method of claim <sup>18</sup>~~13~~, wherein the step of issuing the notification message further comprises issuing the notification message via email.

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~~15~~ (New) The method of claim <sup>18</sup>~~13~~, wherein the step of uploading the document stored in the sender computer storage means further comprises uploading the document at predetermined time intervals.

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~~16~~ (New) The method of claim <sup>18</sup>~~13~~, wherein the notification message includes data indicative of new documents uploaded into the server storage means from the sender computer storage means since the issuance of a previous notification message.

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~~17~~ (New) The method of claim <sup>18</sup>~~13~~, wherein the step of issuing a notification message further comprises issuing a message report to the sending party, wherein the message report includes data indicative of whether a document has been downloaded by a given recipient.

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~~18~~ (New) The method of claim <sup>18</sup>~~13~~, wherein at least one of the steps of: a) selecting one or more of the receiving parties as intended recipients; b) adding a security designation to each identifier associated with each of the intended recipients; c) uploading the document stored in the sender computer storage means into the server storage means; d) issuing a notification message

from the server to the intended recipients; and e) downloading the document from the server storage means into the receiver computer storage means associated with each of the intended recipients is carried out via a communications network.

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~~19~~. (New) The method of claim <sup>23</sup>~~18~~, wherein the communications network is a global communications network.

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~~20~~. (New) The method of claim <sup>17</sup>~~1~~, wherein the sending party and the receiving party are engaged in a transaction selected from the group of: a) a loan syndication transaction; b) a bond underwriting transaction; c) an equity underwriting transaction; d) a high yield debt placement transaction; e) a private placement asset transaction; f) a corporate financing transaction; g) a mortgage financing; h) a municipal financing; i) an asset backed financing; j) a primary insurance transaction; k) a reinsurance transaction; l) an acquisition transaction; and m) a divestiture transaction.

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~~21~~. (New) The method of claim <sup>17</sup>~~1~~, wherein each of the interchanged documents is in the form of a computer file.

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~~22~~. (New) The method of claim <sup>26</sup>~~21~~, wherein the computer file includes one of at least text data, still image data, moving image data, and audio data.

<sup>28</sup>  
~~23~~. (New) The method of claim <sup>17</sup>~~1~~, wherein the sender computer storage means is local relative to the sender computer, the server storage means is local relative to the server, and the receiver computer storage means is local relative to the receiver computer.

<sup>29</sup>  
~~24~~. (New) The system of claim <sup>1</sup>~~8~~, wherein the documents are interchanged between the sender computer and one or more of a plurality of receiver computers, each associated with a respective receiving party; wherein the selecting means for selecting the receiving party as an intended recipient of a document further comprises selecting means for selecting one or more of the receiving parties as intended recipients of a document; wherein the means for adding a security designation to the identifier further comprises means for adding a security designation to each identifier associated with each of the selected receiving parties; wherein the notification message issuing means for issuing a notification message further comprises means for issuing a notification message from the server to the intended recipients; and wherein the downloading means for downloading the document from the server storage means into the receiver computer storage means further comprises means for downloading the document from the server storage

means into respective ones of a plurality of receiver computer storage means associated with each of the intended recipients.

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~~25~~. (New) The system of claim ~~24~~<sup>2</sup>, wherein the notification message issuing means for issuing the notification message further comprises means for issuing the notification message via email.

<sup>4</sup>  
~~26~~. (New) The system of claim ~~24~~<sup>2</sup>, wherein the uploading means for uploading the document stored in the sender computer storage means further comprises means for uploading the document at predetermined time intervals.

<sup>5</sup>  
~~27~~. (New) The system of claim ~~24~~<sup>2</sup>, wherein the notification message includes data indicative of new documents uploaded into the server storage means from the sender computer storage means since the issuance of a previous notification message.

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~~28~~. (New) The system of claim ~~24~~<sup>2</sup>, wherein the notification message issuing means for issuing a notification message further comprises means for issuing a message report to the sending party, wherein the message report includes data indicative of whether a document has been downloaded by a given recipient.

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~~29~~. (New) The system of claim ~~8~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein each of the interchanged documents is in the form of a computer file.

<sup>8</sup>  
~~30~~. (New) The system of claim ~~29~~<sup>7</sup>, wherein the computer file includes one of at least text data, still image data, moving image data, and audio data.

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~~31~~. (New) The system of claim ~~8~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein the sender computer storage means is local relative to the sender computer, the server storage means is local relative to the server, and the receiver computer storage means is local relative to the receiver computer.

<sup>10</sup>  
~~32~~. (New) The system of claim ~~8~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein the first uploading means further comprises a sender client software program associated with the sender computer in communication with a server software program associated with the server.

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~~33~~. (New) The system of claim ~~32~~<sup>10</sup>, wherein the sender client software program comprises a software program selected from the group including: a) a web browser and b) a Lotus Notes

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client software program and the server software program comprises a web server software program.

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34. (New) The system of claim <sup>1</sup>~~8~~, wherein the downloading means further comprises a receiver client software program associated with the receiver computer in communication with a server software program associated with the server.

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35. (New) The system of claim <sup>12</sup>~~34~~, wherein the receiver client software program comprises a web browser and the server software program comprises a web server software program.

<sup>33</sup>  
36. (New) The system of claim <sup>32</sup>~~12~~, wherein the documents are interchanged between the sender computer and one or more of a plurality of receiver computers, each associated with a respective receiving party; wherein the selecting means for selecting the receiving party as an intended recipient of a document further comprises selecting means for selecting one or more of the receiving parties as intended recipients of a document; wherein the means for adding a security designation to the identifier further comprises means for adding a security designation to each identifier associated with each of the intended recipients; wherein the notification message issuing means for issuing a notification message further comprises means for issuing a notification message from the server to the intended recipients; and wherein the downloading means for downloading the document from the server storage means into the receiver computer storage means further comprises means for downloading the document from the server storage means into respective ones of a plurality of receiver computer storage means associated with each of the intended recipients.

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37. (New) The system of claim <sup>33</sup>~~36~~, wherein the notification message issuing means for issuing the notification message further comprises means for issuing the notification message via email.

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38. (New) The system of claim <sup>33</sup>~~36~~, wherein the uploading means for uploading the document stored in the sender computer storage means further comprises means for uploading the document at predetermined time intervals.

<sup>36</sup>  
39. (New) The system of claim <sup>33</sup>~~36~~, wherein the notification message includes data indicative of new documents uploaded into the server storage means from the sender computer storage means since the issuance of a previous notification message.

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40. (New) The system of claim <sup>33</sup>~~36~~, wherein the notification message issuing means for issuing a notification message further comprises means for issuing a message report to the sending party, wherein the message report includes data indicative of whether a document has been downloaded by a given recipient.

<sup>38</sup>  
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41. (New) The system of claim ~~12~~, wherein each of the interchanged documents is in the form of a computer file.

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42. (New) The system of claim ~~41~~, wherein the computer file includes one of at least text data, still image data, moving image data, and audio data.

<sup>40</sup>  
<sup>32</sup>  
43. (New) The system of claim ~~12~~, wherein the sender computer storage means is local relative to the sender computer, the server storage means is local relative to the server, and the receiver computer storage means is local relative to the receiver computer.

<sup>41</sup>  
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44. (New) The system of claim ~~12~~, wherein the first uploading means further comprises a sender client software program associated with the sender computer in communication with a server software program associated with the server computer.

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45. (New) The system of claim ~~44~~, wherein the sender client software program comprises a software program selected from the group including: a) a web browser and b) a Lotus Notes client software program and the server software program comprises a web server software program.

<sup>43</sup>  
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46. (New) The system of claim ~~12~~, wherein the downloading means further comprises a receiver client software program associated with the receiver computer in communication with a server software program associated with the server.

<sup>44</sup>  
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47. (New) The system of claim ~~46~~, wherein the receiver client software program comprises a web browser and the server software program comprises a web server software program.

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48. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier is a unique identifier.

<sup>30</sup>  
49. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier is an email address.

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50. (New) The system of claim ~~8~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein the identifier is a unique identifier.

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51. (New) The system of claim ~~8~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein the identifier is an email address.

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52. (New) The system of claim ~~12~~<sup>32</sup>, wherein the identifier is a unique identifier.

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53. (New) The system of claim ~~12~~<sup>32</sup>, wherein the identifier is an email address.

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54. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

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assigning an edit rights level to the uploaded document; and  
uploading an edited version of the document from the receiver computer storage means  
into the server storage means as an uploaded edited document if the edit rights level assigned to  
the uploaded document in the server storage means permits editing.

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55. (New) The system of claim ~~8~~<sup>1</sup>, further comprising:  
assigning means for assigning an edit rights level to the uploaded document; and  
second uploading means for uploading an edited version of the document from the  
receiver computer storage means into the server storage means as an uploaded edited document if  
the edit rights level assigned to the uploaded document in the server storage means permits  
editing.

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56. (New) The system of claim ~~12~~<sup>32</sup>, further comprising:  
assigning means for assigning an edit rights level to the uploaded document; and  
second uploading means for uploading an edited version of the document from the  
receiver computer storage means into the server storage means as an uploaded edited document if  
the edit rights level assigned to the uploaded document in the server storage means permits  
editing.